

## Local Happenings

## LATEST THING IN SPORTS

## Outside Observations

WHEAT HAS  
FINE RECORD  
IN BIG LEAGUE

New York, April 28.—Zachary Wheat, the new Giant fly chaser, who is expected to bring joy to the boys in the left field bleachers, still is in his prime, as he will not pass his 26th milestone until the 23rd of next month. Zach happened in Henshall, Mo., on May 23, 1888.

Fence-Buster Wheat is 5 feet 10 inches high and weighs 165 pounds. As is generally known, however, he swins from the port side of the plate, but throws right-handed. Zach first began picking up dough for burning baseballs in Kansas City in 1907, where he started with semi-professional teams. In 1909, he was a job with the Shreveport Texas league club, and went so good that he caught on with the Mobile Southern league club in the fall of that year. In 1910, Wheat advanced to the National league, where he has been pestering twits with much vigor ever since.

During his career, Zach collected the following batting averages:

1909—Brooklyn	.304
1910—Brooklyn	.284
1911—Brooklyn	.287
1912—Brooklyn	.265
1913—Brooklyn	.301
1914—Brooklyn	.319

FOUR MEMBERS OF  
SCHANG FAMILY IN  
BASEBALL HARNES

An interesting instance of that old proverb, "a child of the old block," is the Schang family of baseball players. There are four boys in the family and five girls, and all of the boys have earned enviable reputations as baseball players, particularly Zach and Robby, who are at present playing in the two major leagues.

The father of this unusual baseball quartet, too, had his day in the sun, and, while he did not advance as far as the major leagues, he nevertheless was considered a star backstop for many miles around his home town, Wales Centre, N. Y. This town is located 32 miles from the city of Buffalo. Robby Schang, the mainstay of the Pittsburgh club in the catching department, and regarded as one of the club's premier hitters, is the oldest of the family, having been 28 years old on Dec. 7 last. He is almost four years older than his brother, Zach, who works behind the bat for the Philadelphia Athletics.

SOUTHPAW COTTRELL  
PITCHES TO YANKEES  
IN MORNING PRACTICE

Boston, April 29.—Though Ensign Cottrell, the left-handed pitcher secured by the Yankees from the Boston Braves this spring, has not yet been given an opportunity to work in a regular game, he has, in the judgment of Manager Bill Donovan, already justified his purchase by what he has accomplished in pitching to the Yankees' left-handed hitters. Cottrell seems to have served the purpose well. He perhaps pitches a full game every day, and in that respect is doing more work than most of the other hurlers, and the result is now a matter of record.

John Shackelford, 16, a champion boy golfer of New Jersey, died at Atlantic City after an operation for injuries to his spine received in making a dive in a swimming race.

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BILL DONOVAN HAS REAL  
MASCOT IN BILLE SHIELDS

BILL DONOVAN AND HIS MASCOT

"In Bille Shields I think I have the greatest mascot in the country," declared Bill Donovan the other day, after seeing the Yankees win another game in the American league pennant race. And it does begin to look that way. It is declared that in the event of the Yankees copying the gon-falon—a name possibly—Bille Shields will be a life interest in the Colored Ruppert's brewery. However that may be, the fact is plain that Bille will be made much of if Colored Ruppert's team finishes one, two, three in the pennant chase.

GIANTS' OUTFIELD STRENGTHENED  
BY ADDITION OF ZACH WHEATFans Believe McGraw Got Better  
Deal With Brooklyn Club

New York, April 29.—Zach Wheat, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Brooklyn National league team, was traded yesterday by Manager Robinson to the Giants for pitcher For Peritt and outfielders Jack Murray and Dave Robertson, according to a report which, while lacking in official confirmation, came from an authoritative source.

News of this deal was received with surprise by those few who were aware of the transaction, in view of the fact that Wheat for a number of years has been one of the mainstays of the Brooklyn team. In the time he has played with the Superbas he has always ranked well up with the leaders in batting and fielding, and last year finished third to Jake Daubert among the regulars in the individual batting competition.

If the deal has been consummated the trading shrewdness of Manager McGraw of the Giants was again evidenced. Peritt, who came to the Giants this year from the Cardinals, has proved an utter failure so far, being knocked out of the box on each of the three times he has gone to the pitching mound for New York. Murray has been going bad for a couple of years, while Robertson whom McGraw has been tutoring for a regular job for two years, has been unable to learn how to hit in big league style. His chief weakness has been his inability to hit curve balls.

Wheat is just the man the Giants need to give Manager McGraw one of the hardest hitting outfielders in either the National or American leagues. He is almost a certain 300 hitter, and with Burns and Snodgrass, composes a stalwart outer garden.

The showing of the Giants has been so disappointing thus far this season that Manager McGraw has been driven almost to the point of desperation, and it would not be surprising if more trades followed this.

The Giants are up against a difficult proposition in trimming their big force of baseball players down to twenty-one men before May 1. As the New York team has a bigger collection of recruits than any of the other National league clubs. It is taking some time to place the novices with other teams.

Yesterday, Manager McGraw got rid of a few more hopefuls. Kirmayer, the pitcher, was sent back to the Decatur (Ill.) club from whence he came, and Reed, the Princeton infielder, was sent to Troy for a trial. Press, the young pitcher, was turned over to Jersey City for inspection.

## AMATEUR BASEBALL

The Seaside accept the challenge of the Mohawks for a game Sunday May 2 at the South End Flats. The Seaside would like to arrange a game with the Cremos Sunday, May at the South End Flats if the Cremos accept, answer through this paper.

The Cremos want to play the Pioneers at Wheeler's lot, May 2, at 2:30 p. m. The following players are requested to report: Dixon, Darrigan, Whiting, F. Donnelly, H. Donnelly, Costello, O'Rourke, Driscoll, H. Costello, O'Brien.

The Cremos challenge the Seaside to play at Wheeler's lot May 9. Answer through The Farmer.

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MORSE WINS  
STROKE OAR  
ON YALE CREW

New Haven, Conn., April 29.—Anthony Morse has regained his position as stroke of the Yale varsity crew for the triangular race with Cornell and Princeton a week from Saturday. William Adams, Jr., the big sophomore who stroked the second Yale varsity to success in the Schuylkill in the blizzard of April 3, and took Morse's place in the varsity soon after the crews returned to New Haven, has been sent by Coach Guy Nickalls to the second boat. That this change will last until after the triangular race was announced by Coach Nickalls yesterday.

Morse's experience and his finish as an oarsman won him over the sophomore. Morse is a senior, is five feet eight inches tall and weighs 157 pounds, while Adams weighs 162, and is five feet 11 inches tall. Both are shorter and lighter than the average men on the crew.

YALE WINS FROM  
GEORGETOWN BOYS  
IN CLOSE CONTEST

New Haven, April 29.—Three to two was Yale's margin of victory over Georgetown's baseball representatives at Yale field yesterday afternoon. After playing the underdog for six innings, the Ells came to life in the foregoing session and amassed a quarrel of hits off the wind whang, which culminated in the scoring of three tallies. The southerners held the whip hand up to the eventual seventh by tallying once in the second and again in the fourth.

Billy Eaton, whose brilliant all-around play stood out as one of the many features of the chilly afternoon, cracked open the seventh inning with a single to left and stole second. Bush followed with a two-putty clout that scored Eaton. A hit to left by Hunter sent Bush home with the tying run. Pumpelly died a martyr by sending Hunter to second to sacrifice.

Captain Middlebrook cracked a slow roller to the short field and beat the throw. Hunter taking third on the play. Milburn followed with a roller to Finnegan who tossed out Hunter at the plate. Here Milburn and Middlebrook started a double steal, and Erwin, the Georgetown catcher, threw the ball to third base in an effort to trap Middlebrook. The Yale captain was pocketed momentarily and he followed with a mad dash for the plate and was adjudged safe. This play gave Yale its third run and a victory.

Spencer Pumpelly, a younger brother of Harold, the football hero, made his varsity debut for Yale and yielded but six scattered hits. Georgetown's pair of runs were scored through passes, followed by Cusack's hits.

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SENNO, BRIDGEPORT OUTFIELDER,  
TO PLAY WITH LEWISTON CLUB

Pitcher Green, of New London, Goes to Lowell and Pepe to Binghamton

(By Wagner)  
Dan Senn, who painted in left field for the Bridgeport club last season, will be with Lewiston, Me., in the New England league this year. He was secured by New London from Montreal the day after the opening of the Eastern association season was delayed. Manager McCann did not make any attempt to prevent the New London players from getting jobs elsewhere.

Pitcher Green, the big New London flinger, will be with Lowell, Mass. this season. He has already reported there but they didn't have a uniform big enough for him so he hasn't done any work yet.

Joe Pepe, the former New Haven shortstop, is playing good ball for Binghamton of the new York State league. Bill Powers, New London's star twirler, last season is also with Binghamton.

Chappelle, the outfielder who was sold by Milwaukee to the Chicago White Sox two years ago for \$15,000, has been sent back to Milwaukee. He proved one of the biggest disappointments in big league history. It is said that Milwaukee paid the Chicago club \$5,000 for him.

The New York Sun this morning says the report that Zach Wheat has been traded by the Brooklyn club to the Giants is untrue. Denials and counter denials will be handed out for a few days and then some kind of a deal will probably be announced.

Owner James E. Gaffney of the Boston Braves will not uphold his players when they are guilty of rough language to umpires. He has notified President Tanager Alexander and Tyler of the Braves must pay their own fines or be suspended. They were recently fined for picking on Umpire Quigley in Philadelphia.

Manager McGraw says Jim Thorpe has not been sent to Jersey City yet. He has not been able to obtain waivers on the Indian outfielder.

John J. Reiser, the New York boxing promoter, better known as John the Barber, claims he is broke. He has been out of the New York Amsterdam Opera House, which he had rented for boxing events, John says he has only \$1.51 in cash and has pawned all his jewelry.

The Boston Braves will be in our midst next Sunday. Owner Gaffney of the world's champions wired last night that the big leaguers would come here to play Bridgeport. They were expected here April 11 but bad weather prevented. Johnny Evers is out of the game because of an injured ankle but all the other members of the world's champions will appear. Rabbitt Maranville, Butch Schmidt, Hank Gowdy, Dick Rudolph, Red Smith and other heroes will be on exhibition. Made such a good impression on the fans by his work here last Sunday, will start in the box for Bridgeport and Smith will catch.

Bridwell of Feds  
Says Fasting Keeps  
Him in Good Shape

In the St. Louis Feds' infield of 1915 there is but one face which the Fed rooters will recognize as having graced the field last year. Al Bridwell is defying earlier time and a few good youngsters are going to him from the second base position.

Al is past 31 years and is still spry enough to forbid his being replaced by a younger man. In his day he has led all shortstops in a field and he retains still a large part of the wonderful ability which made him famous when with the New York Giants. Not only will he cover second for Jones this year but in all probability he will be seen in the same position for the next few years to come.

Bridwell is a clean liver. He takes particularly good care of his hands. One of his tricks is to keep himself in the best of condition is fasting. He never eats lunch and his meals in the morning and evening are very light ones.

At the time he was playing semi-professional ball he went for five days in a stretch without a bite to eat. The only nourishment he took during this and other periods of fast was water. Some years ago in the winter Al went for a full week without food. He has gone this length of time on two separate occasions, and during this time he was putting in ten hours a day for six days a week, working over a machine in a shoe factory.

He is a strong booster for this sort of training and insists that he always comes out of his fasts a healthier and stronger man. He does not speak of a favorability of the long abstinences of a week's duration, but thinks that those of three days' length are very beneficial to the system. Whenever he is feeling poorly instead of doing up with a lot of medicine, Al starts a little fast. He has often put himself to a strength test after fasting, and invariably he has found himself just as strong as when he started.

"When I have played my last game of baseball, I am going to continue with athletics just as industriously and regularly as I have for years past," said Bridwell. "I will take up handball, boxing and bag punching and by this means I hope to keep in good physical condition as long as I am alive and kicking."

## COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

Princeton 4, Virginia 0.  
Brown 5, Wesleyan 1.  
Vermont 12, Syracuse 3.  
Columbia 4, Pennsylvania 0.  
Ston Hall 6, Holy Cross 4.  
Catholic University 7, Villa Nova 4.

BRAVES GET  
RAGAN FROM  
BROOKLYN CLUB

Through the exercise of his right to claim a player upon whom waivers had been asked Manager George Stallings of the world's champion Boston Braves has secured for his team Pat Ragan, for many ears a member of the Brooklyn club. Ragan has been ordered to report at once to Manager Stallings. He is now in Philadelphia with the Robins.

The deal is the first that has been brought about through the new rule against the recall of waivers, put through by the National league at its meeting last winter. President Ebbets asked for waivers a few days ago, but did not plan at that time that any other National league club would secure the pitcher. His plan was to get waivers and then send Ragan to the Robins club of the International league.

Boston blocked this deal by making a demand for the player. President Ebbets put up a protest against turning Ragan over to the Braves, whereupon Owner James E. Gaffney of the Boston club appealed to President John K. Tener of the National league. After hearing all the facts in the case President Tener awarded Ragan to the Braves, at the same time sending notice to the player at Philadelphia that he was the property of the Braves and should report to Manager Stallings at once.

MOHR PUTS ON  
FINAL STUNTS FOR  
TOMORROW'S FIGHT

Walter Mohr, who meets Sammy Robideau in the 15 round war, boxed six rounds at Capt. Bond's in Stratford, yesterday and showed all kinds of speed. For the first three sessions he took on Young McAuliffe and in the final three had Mike Farrell of Brooklyn as opponent. Mohr told Farrell to go ahead and do his worst but the Brooklyn boy could make no impression on Walter.

Leach Cross, who battled with Mohr in Waterbury recently, says Walter is one of the hardest opponents he ever met. Cross declares he hit Mohr hard enough to drop almost anybody but the Brooklyn boy kept coming back.

Johnny Loftus, who has charge of Robideau's training, says Sammy has found the Acorn A. C. gymnasium an ideal place to work. Robideau declared he will put Mohr away.

Charlie Bergen of New Haven, who meets Young McAuliffe in the semi-final, expects to take the state featherweight title from the local boy. Tonight, in New London, fought a fast eight-round draw with Howard McCrae of Boston. McAuliffe is training faithfully and says he will make Bergen stop some to win.

The preliminary will be an eight round affair between Battling Kunz of South Norwalk and Bud Palmer of this city. Dave Fitzgerald of New Haven, will be referee. Terry Lee of this city, announcer and George Mulligan of Waterbury, timekeeper. It is estimated that 500 fans will come from Waterbury, New Haven, South Norwalk and Danbury.

KILBANE TACKLES  
LEONARD TONIGHT

New York, April 29.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion boxer of the world, and Benny Leonard, the fastest and cleverest boxer that New York has produced in the last year, will meet tonight in a ten-round bout at the Federal A. C.

This match has been on the tip of the tongue of the fight fans for the last two weeks. The merits of the boxers have been fully discussed and opinion seems to be evenly divided whether Kilbane can step outside of his division and defeat a lightweight. The weight is to be 132 pounds, but each lad will be well under that poundage.

ATHLETICS ORGANIZE  
FOR THE SEASON

The Athletics of the East End have organized for the coming season and would like to arrange games with the fastest teams of the city and state. The line-up of the Athletics: Slattery, Lavery, Farrell, Howard, Tickey, Conroy, Delorme, Casserly, Dunn, Whelan, Donnelly. They challenge the White Sox for Sunday May 1, at the meadows. Answer through The Farmer or call or write to the Athletic A. C. 15 Sixth street. If this challenge is not accepted by Friday it is open to any team in the city.

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## Runs Made This Week

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
Chicago	27
Cincinnati	21
Boston	18
Philadelphia	15
St. Louis	12
New York	8
Pittsburgh	7
Brooklyn	2

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	
Chicago	26
Detroit	16
New York	11
Boston	9
St. Louis	8
Cleveland	8
Washington	5
Philadelphia	3

FEDERAL LEAGUE.	
Chicago	26
Buffalo	16
Newark	12
Baltimore	11
Kansas City	8
St. Louis	5
Pittsburgh	1

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.	
Toronto	23
Richmond	15
Newark	10
Jersey City	0
Montreal	0
Rochester	0
Newark	0
Montreal	0
Jersey City	0

## National League.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.  
Philadelphia, 3; Brooklyn, 0.  
Chicago, 9; Cincinnati, 8.  
Pittsburgh, 7; St. Louis, 6.  
The New York-Boston game was postponed on account of rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS	
Won.	Lost.
Philadelphia	11
Cincinnati	8
Chicago	7
Boston	6
St. Louis	6
Pittsburgh	5
Brooklyn	4
New York	3

## GAMES TODAY

Boston in New York.  
Philadelphia in Philadelphia.  
Cincinnati in St. Louis.

## American League.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.  
Washington, 1; Philadelphia, 0.  
Detroit, 12; St. Louis, 3.  
Chicago, 7; Cleveland, 3.  
The Boston-Baltimore game was postponed on account of cold weather.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS	
Won.	Lost.
Detroit	11
New York	7
Chicago	6
Washington	5
Boston	5
Cleveland	4
Philadelphia	3
St. Louis	4

## GAMES TODAY

New York in Boston.  
Philadelphia in Washington.  
St. Louis in Detroit.  
Cleveland in Chicago.

## ANNIVERSARIES

## OF RING BATTLES

1901—Dave Sullivan knocked out Jack McClelland in 20th round at Louisville. On the same date the sports of the Kentucky metropolis also saw Matty Matthews win a decision over Tom Coughlin in 20 rounds. The boxing game was then flourishing in Louisville and many long bouts between good men were pulled off there. Dave Sullivan, a native of Ireland, was a former featherweight champion, and Jack McClelland of Pittsburgh also had a good reputation as a featherweight and lightweight. It was a cracking good bout right up to the finish, when Sullivan put over a knockout punch. Matty Matthews, a New Yorker, was then featherweight champion, but within a month after his Louisville battle he lost his title to Bob Ferns at Toronto. Matthews and Coughlin fought thrice after that, Matty winning again at Fort Erie later the same year, losing to Coughlin at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1902, and winning at Pittsburgh in 1903. Coughlin was a good welterweight, but not quite good enough in that day, when the woods were full of classy welters. 1889—Jack Root knocked out Dick Moore in 2nd round at Chicago. 1902—Austin Rice defeated Hugh McPadden in 20 rounds at New London.

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## Federal League.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.  
Chicago, 13; Kansas City, 1.  
All other games were postponed on account of cold weather.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS	
Won.	Lost.
Newark	10
Chicago	8
Brooklyn	6
Pittsburgh	6
Kansas City	7
Buffalo	6
Baltimore	6
St. Louis	4

## GAMES TODAY.

Baltimore in Brooklyn.  
St. Louis in Pittsburgh.

## International League

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.  
Toronto, 15; Richmond, 4.  
Buffalo, 3; Providence, 0.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS	
Won.	Lost.
Buffalo	1
Toronto	1
Richmond	1
Newark	0
Jersey City	0
Montreal	0
Rochester	0
Providence	0

## GAMES TODAY.

Montreal in Newark.  
Rochester in Jersey City.

GUNBOAT SMITH IS  
ABOUT READY TO  
RETIRE FROM RING

Discouraged by his recent poor showing, Gunboat Smith is said to be anxious to retire. It is only a short time ago that Smith was regarded as the best of the white hopes. He had a terrific punch which put many opponents away for the count. Lately, however, he appears to have slumped. Gunboat's last good bout was the one in which he was credited with defeating Sam Langford, Nov. 17, 1913. That victory, instead of giving him confidence and causing him to improve, had an exactly opposite effect. According to the referee, Smith defeated the noted negro by outboxing him. This victory, instead of giving him confidence and causing him to improve, had an exactly opposite effect. According to the referee, Smith defeated the noted negro by outboxing him. This victory, instead of giving him confidence and causing him to improve, had an exactly opposite effect.

## BASEBALL GOSSIP.

The Newark team is playing great ball in the Federal circuit. The winners of last year's pennant are on the top again this season.

Most of big league clubs are crippled owing to injuries to their star performers.

The Yankees with Wild Bill Donovan at the helm have invaded Boston. The Sox will have to travel to land a series from the peppery Gotham bunch.

It appears as if Grover Alexander is going to have something to say about the Braves winning the pennant this season.

Honus Wagner, the Pirate's veteran since being transferred to second base, has been playing a bang up fielding game.

Maranville is batting for .171, Sherry Magee is down at .250, and John Hummel at .260.

Eddie Fitzpatrick, subbing for Evers, is doing good work for the Braves. He is a fast fielder and at the bat is a hard man to pitch to.

Manager Moran of the Phillies is good to his home town. He has promised Fitchburg a pitcher and an infielder this week, and will send other men when he has them to send.

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